

Dress Right, Dress

USAFE Sup to AFI 36-2903, Table 3.1.2.1.

The wing commander has stated the wear dates for the watch cap are Oct. 1 to March 1. Wear the sides of the cap down to cover the ears to the extent possible and not rolled up on top of the head. The cap may be worn in the immediate work center, but it will not entirely replace the BDU cap when the BDU cap is more appropriate. (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)



News Briefs

Burger King closure

The Spangdahlem AB Burger King and Anthony's Pizza is closed now through Nov. 28 for updates. A temporary pizza and hot dog kiosk is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week and is located in the Burger King parking lot. For details, call the facility manager at 452-6615.

Credit union hours

All Service Credit Union branch offices are closed Thursday in observance of Veteran's Day. Normal office hours resume Nov. 12. For details, call 452-6674.

Healthcare advisory council

The 52nd Medical Group holds a healthcare consumer's advisory council Nov. 18 from 1-2:30 p.m. at Peter's Restaurant at Spangdahlem AB to advise the wing of new and changing healthcare issues, as well as to gain feedback on service improvement. For details, call 1st Lt. David Gill at 452-3103.

Post office volunteers

The Spangdahlem AB post office needs volunteers now until New Year's. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Mike Ruzza at 452-6038.

PT gear guidelines

The only authorized physical training gear for members deployed to an area of responsibility should only be issued PT gear. If not issued or not available, the gear will be conservative, professional and with minimum ornamentation or illustration. The Air Force cannot require enlisted members to purchase the uniform unless they have received a clothing allowance to cover the cost, which is paid on their anniversary date. Officers are required to purchase the uniform at their own cost. For details, call Senior Master Sgt. Jackie Dean at 227-3270 or the military personnel flight at 452-6553.

Anthrax vaccinations

The Department of Defense pauses the anthrax vaccination program after reviewing a preliminary injunction issued Oct. 27 by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. To learn more about the halt, visit www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2004/d20041027anthrax.pdf.

Lanterns light way

Read "Eifel area residents parade in honor of St. Martin's Day," on Page 7



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Hello, good buys



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Pauline Everitt, a 2004 Eifel Holiday Bazaar vendor, takes a pane of stained glass from Staff Sgt. Andrew Garza, 52nd Fighter Wing Judge Advocate Group paralegal, as part of the bazaar set-up Thursday. The event hours are today from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details about the bazaar, see Page 2.

USAFE stands down to focus on Airmen well-being

Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- Focusing on the time-honored tradition of Airmen taking care of Airmen, U.S. Air Forces in Europe is having a Wingman Day Nov. 8.

Consisting of a full-day stand down for the entire command, Wingman Day will focus on raising the awareness level of the Air Force's most important asset -- its people, said Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander.

Wingman Day will include wing, group and squadron-level briefings and interactive discussions down to the lowest level in flights or sections throughout the command.

"We all recognize the demand our current operational tempo places on each of us and our families," the general said. "The recent increase in suicides across our Air Force is evidence more attention is warranted on these stressors -- from the top to the bottom of our chain of command."

Incorporated with the rollout of Combat



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Wingman, USAFE's newest combat program, Wingman Day will focus on the whole-person wellness approach using the four dimensions of wellness model, said Col. (Dr.) Mark Ediger, USAFE Surgeon General director.

"Wellness is the major deterrent to suicide and key to living a fulfilling life," said Dr. Ediger. "The four dimensions of wellness -- our physical, emotional, social and spiritual anchors -- enhance our resilience and prepare us to weather the storms and stressors of work and our lives in general. The four dimensions also give us a useful framework for assessing the strength of our wingmen to weather their storms."

The four dimensions of wellness go beyond individual awareness, said Gen. John P. Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

"When we join the Air Force, we become a part of a unique culture, and the foundation of this 'Culture of Airmen' is our core values -- integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do," General Jumper said. "This culture and these core values compel us as Airmen to take care of one another."

While the wingman concept is not new, Wingman Day and Combat Wingman are being used collectively to broaden the radarscope, General Foglesong said.

"We can all be proud of our accomplishments over the last two years making our nation a safer place," the general said. "Our USAFE mission has played a significant role to this end. But, now more than ever it is imperative that we check each other's six."

"Wingman Day is kicking our efforts off, but this isn't a program that can be put to bed at the end of the day," he continued. "It's our duty and responsibility to institute Combat Wingman in our daily lives. We all need to be good wingmen and be guardians of each other's well being."

Veteran's Day: Continuing the legacy

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

On Veteran's Day, we take time to acknowledge and honor America's heroes -- the men and women who currently wear and have worn the uniform in our country's defense.

As we pause to pay respect to our veterans' service, we are reminded that they represent the courage and dedication that are

the cornerstones of liberty. It's with a deep sense of gratitude that I thank all veterans for their commitment and service. Without you, our nation wouldn't have the freedoms we enjoy today.

Veterans have served our nation in both war and peace and many have paid dearly, physically and mentally, during their service. Today, we continue to build on the legacy of those who served before us.

This legacy is visible as I travel and talk with the great men and women of USAFE. We appreciate your dedication, professionalism and focus which ensures continued mission success.

From supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom to humanitarian operations in Europe and Africa, you are performing the hard and dangerous work required to bring peace and stability to the troubled spots of the world.

To the veterans, thank you for the legacy of excellence you have given us. Your service and dedication to our nation and to the ideals America represents are second to none!

Eifel Holiday Bazaar starts today, helps local community

By 1st Lt. Mike Cumberworth

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The 2004 Eifel Holiday Bazaar takes place in Hangars 1 and 2 here today through Sunday. It is open to all United States and NATO identification card holders.

The 52nd Services Squadron and the Spangdahlem Officer and Civilian Spouses Club sponsor the annual bazaar and put all the profits from the weekend-long sale back into the Spangdahlem Air Base community.

Last year's bazaar raised more than \$103,000 to support base programs. Some of the proceeds go to college scholarships and support for youth activities.

"Sometimes the soccer teams need new uniforms, or ACT Eifel needs money for props," said Nichole Gonzalez, secretary and co-treasurer of the bazaar board. "It depends on the need, and that changes every year, but all the money really goes directly back to the community."

Those wishing to volunteer at the bazaar can check in at the back of Hangar 1.

"We won't turn anybody down," said Tara Rassas, chairperson for the event. "Even if they haven't signed up already, we're more than happy to put them to work."

Volunteer participation is expected to be more robust than in prior years.

"We have had about 30 people working on this since May, and we expect more than 300 volunteers on the weekend of the bazaar," Mrs. Rassas said.

Volunteers are also eligible for prizes during hourly drawings and for a grand-prize at the end of the bazaar.

Visitors can park in the ramp area in front of the hangars before perusing the wares offered by more than 110 vendors from across Europe. Mrs. Rassas noted that this year's bazaar includes 19 new vendors from Russia, Turkey, Britain, Spain, the United States and here in Germany.

The Holiday Bazaar provides an opportunity for people to find things for themselves and help the base at the same time.

"It's great working with different people in the community and seeing the whole base come together," Mrs. Rassas said. "We really have incredible support."

Holiday Bazaar Hours

Today: noon to 8 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Proceeds help fund community programs.

52nd FW Sabers honor Veteran's Day, celebrate history, excellence

Story by Capt. Eric Merriam
52nd Fighter Wing Judge Advocate

Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing perform in Veteran's Day ceremonies at the Meuse-Argonne cemetery in France Thursday for the first time.

A senior honor guard formation comprised of 20 company grade officers, chief master sergeants and first sergeants will honor the more than 14,000 Americans who died fighting for the freedom of the world who are now buried in the largest American cemetery in Europe.

This unique honor guard formation is a first for Spangdahlem Air Base.

"This will be the 13th remembrance ceremony we have participated in this year, but the first in which we'll be joined by chiefs, shirts and company grade officers," said 2nd Lt. Brian Cooper, 52nd FW honor guard commander maintenance officer with the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"This event will give people an insight as to how much dedication and practice it takes for us to make perfection look easy," he said. "I'm really proud of my honor guard team and very privileged to lead them and this unique formation."

The cemetery contains nine Congressional Medal of Honor winners, including Frank "Balloon Buster" Luke, America's number two flying ace in World War I. Many tombstones simply read "Here rests in honored glory a comrade in arms known but to God."

To honor their sacrifice, Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd FW commander, encourages Spangdahlem AB Sabers to attend.

"As a wing, we're making a mass push to the largest American cemetery in France," Colonel Goldfein said. "We're going to have one bus per group. If you can't make it on a bus, drive your car. We want to get as many folks as we can and we're all going to attend in service dress to pay tribute to those who have gone before us -- that's the way to celebrate Veteran's Day. You can't do that if you're stationed in the States. You can only do that here, stationed in the Eifel, where so many Americans gave their last full measure of devotion."

Known as Veteran's Day to Americans, Nov. 11 is known as Armistice Day to the U.S. World War I allies. The formal end of World War I began at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. That day signified the end of one of history's bloodiest wars, a war that left an estimated almost eight million combatants dead, 21 million wounded and two million missing.

The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at the cemetery, followed by a brief commemoration in Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, a town within walking distance of the cemetery. Visit the "Veteran's Day Ceremony" link on the 52nd FW intranet home page or contact group executive officers for commemoration ceremony details, a map and directions.



2nd Lt. Brian Cooper, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, assistant officer in charge of the 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, and 52nd Fighter Wing Honor Guard commander, teaches drill procedures to a 20-person team of senior NCOs and company grade officers Oct. 27. This team will represent the 52nd FW during the Veteran's Day ceremony at the Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel cemeteries in France. Celebrate Saber history, diversity and excellence by attending this unique ceremony Thursday.

Base drivers have DUI-free week, accidents continue

By David A. Barker

52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel had a DUI-free week, including the Halloween weekend.

There were 12 accidents and crashes this week, with two classified as major and no injuries.

The first major crash was in the Pickliessem area. Driving too fast for conditions and inattentive driving caused the collision. As the driver drove into a stone wall and then through a barbed wire fence, finally stopping in a field across the street from the stone barrier.

The second major crash happened at the B-50 traffic circle. Speeding

caused the crash. The driver travelled down the B-50 toward the Spangdahlem Air Base main gate when he hit and broke a road marker at the traffic circle.

There were 10 minor accidents last week: two were from speeding, one was from parking errors, two were from improper backing, four were from inattentive driving, and one was from tailgating.

Driver tips

Team Eifel has had a rash of citations for moving violations, including stop sign and parking violations.

Drivers can reduce these tickets by coming to complete stops at stop signs and parking only in approved parking locations.



Team Eifel supports Education Week

Staff reports

Fostering student achievement is the cornerstone of the efforts of parents, teachers, and school employees.

American Education Week, Nov. 14-20, highlights this work and the many contributions of teachers, mentors, school volunteers and parents.

Celebrating its 83rd year, this year's AEW theme is "Celebrating the American Dream," and the event is intended to remind people that public education is one of the United States' greatest strengths. The theme reflects the commitment to get all students to learn and succeed.

To make schools the best they can be requires a commitment from every member of the community. The goal of AEW is to increase public support, understanding and appreciation of the nation's schools, to encourage parents and non-parents to visit schools, and to build civic and community pride for education.

The co-sponsors of the week are the U.S. Department of Education and 12 national organizations: The National Education Association, the National Parent Teachers Association, the American Legion, the American Association of School

Administrators, the National School Boards Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the American School Counselor Association, the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National School Public Relations Association, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

American Education Week helps draw public attention to the needs of schools. Across Europe, schools, local PTAs, teacher associations, and community groups are planning a number of events and activities to emphasize this team effort. It is especially important for parents and other community members to come to the military community's schools, and more importantly, to come to their child's classroom, to see for themselves what teachers are doing. Principals will get information out to local communities about specific events at each school.

The National Education Association has a planning packet on their website to help communities prepare for this celebration at <http://www.nea.org>.

(The National School Public Relations Association and the NEA contributed to this article).



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Performer

Name: 2nd Lt. Angela Morrison
Unit: 22nd Fighter Squadron
Duty title: Section commander
Hometown: Denver, Colo.
Years in service: One
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: As the officer in charge of the commander's support section and the commander's executive officer, Lieutenant Morrison manages all squadron members and administrative programs. She ensures that the "Big 22" has a 100-percent on-time rate for all wing reports and suspenses. She has also taken on these duties for the 606th Air Control Squadron during their four month deployment.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Lieutenant Morrison has volunteered for

Airmen Against Drunk Driving and helped coach the Bitburg High School tennis team. She is also pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice.

What do you do for fun? I love to work out and play tennis. I also like to read and travel as much as possible.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I enjoy the opportunities and the convenience for travel.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I'd love to have air conditioning for that one week of the year that it's above 80 degrees.

Wing thanks 'Hidden' volunteers for Turkey Stork nest program aid

Staff reports

The following 52nd Fighter Wing "Hidden Heroes" volunteers played an instrumental role in the Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, Stork Nest program by sponsoring incoming families.

Bobby Anzalone; Lynette

Brown; Meredith Costey; Heidi Cotton; VeeVee Crockett; Nanette Dashiell; Laura Duranti; Carol Hart; Cheri Helfenstein; Deb Hezel; Laura Higgins; Tina Howard; Jessica Leonard; Dolly Massad; Anne Marie Olson; Dawn Orahoad; Susan Peak; Christiane Richardson; and Stephanie Sheehan.



Saber connect



Staff Sgt. John Barton

Capt. Michelle Sanchez, 52nd Medical Operations Support Squadron clinical nurse, greets Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School class leader **Staff Sgt. Richard Gallegos**, 52nd Communications Squadron. Captain Sanchez recently shadowed **Col. Dave Goldfein**, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, center, as part of the *Commander's Mentorship Program*. A Bronx, N.Y., native with seven years of Air Force service under her belt, Captain Sanchez cited helping parents at the neonatal clinic and delivery of five babies in the absence of a physician as noteworthy accomplishments in her CMP profile. Captain Sanchez also worked as a civilian nurse at a major medical center in Albany.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

Hats off to **Tech. Sgt. John Newlin**, the 2003 Air Force-level Gen. Edwin Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence winner. His prior efforts at Kunsan Air Base, Korea, make us glad he's planted roots as a Saber here. Spang Sabers feel the need ... for Sneed. **Staff Sgt. Brian Sneed** conducted the 2004 intramural playoffs with eight teams and more than 100 participants. He also received an "excellent" rating on the annual fire inspection program that he runs.

52nd Operations Group

52nd Operations Support Squadron members offer a departing salute to **Master Sgt. Anthony Hylinski** for his dedication and leadership as control tower chief controller. Best wishes to him in his retirement.

52nd Maintenance Group

52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron members turned over a new leaf to get involved in a community project under the leadership of **Lt. Col. Mark Fluker**. Squadron members, spouses and children raked leaves, cut grass and trimmed hedges. **Tech. Sgt. Ray Steffens** has the right stuff -- and it's all properly accounted for! His exhaustive efforts breathed new life into an equipment account left in ruin by a severe operations tempo. **Staff Sgt. William Atkinson** has the lock on secure telephone equipment -- he's helped the 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron merge back onto the "secure" information superhighway. Jesse James may have stolen, but **Senior Airman Matthew James** does quite the opposite with his kind and generous volunteer efforts for the Combined Federal Campaign -- his involvement has encouraged large donations. We sense the urge to salute **Tech. Sgt.**



Daniel Williams and his 52nd CMS sensors repair crew: **Staff Sgts. Jason DeGeorge, Theresa Hughes and Richard Stephens**; and **Airman 1st Class Zachary Pruitt**, who expedited the repair of five pods in support of the forward deployed

52nd Fighter Wing and the 926th Fighter Wing Air National Guard A-10 aircraft.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

"Ghedi ready" to salute the following troops for their intense week-long assistance visit to assess the day-to-day mission readiness of the 704th Munitions Support Squadron at Ghedi Air Base, Italy: **Maj. Nate Hancock**; **Cpts. Justin White and Gary Tucker**; **Senior Master Sgts. Johnny Collett, Bryan McGarr and Jamie Floyd**; **Tech. Sgts. Thomas Bateman, Mark Kalina, Christopher Greek and Eldon Fletcher**; **Staff Sgts. Shawn Shaut, Brian Norman, Charles Loner, Brooke Goodman, Julie Sigman, Patricia Contreras and Heather Stanfield**.

52nd Medical Group

Where there's a pill, there's a way for **Airman 1st Class Matthew Amiot**, the pharmacy flight troop who stepped up to brief former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch during his recent visit here. Oh babies ... **Maj. Kenda Smith**; **Cpts. Adrienne Clark and Michelle Sanchez**; **1st Lt. Lynn Wedyke**; **Staff Sgt. Reginald Wilson**; **Senior Airmen Raquel Johnson and Brandy Ferrara**; and **Petra Golson** worked more than 16 hours during an unusually busy day -- delivering seven babies.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!
 (Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 22nd Fighter Squadron Commander's Support Staff

A brief description of unit responsibilities: The "Big 22's" CSS manages all personnel and information management programs for more than 50 members. They ensure timely completion of group taskings and oversee all administrative reports and correspondence. The team ensures data integrity and accuracy in all members' records and systems. The CSS is also responsible for everything from the unit fitness program to organizing commander's calls.

Number of members: Three: Senior Airman Walter Figueroa; Staff Sgt. Tammi Hansen and 2nd Lt. Angela Morrison

How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The 22nd FS CSS is a critical part of the wing mission because they are people helping people. A large part of what they do daily is working individual personnel issues and coordinating with the military personnel flight and finance offices to help sort through problems, such as missing performance reports and overdue travel vouchers. They are trouble-shooters and are exceptional customer service providers. They ensure the commander's programs and policies are managed and run as effectively as possible and are the primary advisors on all administrative and disciplinary actions.

AAFES announces overseas fuel price changes for November

Staff reports

MAINZ-KASTEL -- Fuel prices changed Monday in Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Turkey and the Azores.

The increase for gas and diesel Army Air Force Exchange Service's Europe customers will find at the pumps in November corresponds to price increases in the Continental United States but they are still lower than in many states for the same time period.

October's average price for all grades of gasoline, including diesel, increased. As a result, the November sell prices will reflect the following average changes, per gallon by grade.

Regular + \$.114, Mid-grade + \$.113, Premium + \$.110, and Diesel + \$.203.

According to the latest news reports, China's growing economy has pushed the global demand for oil higher. As demand grows, there is little production capacity to make up for demand pressure. Recent hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico have dropped production by 400K barrels per day. Potential disruptions in Nigeria, Russia, Iraq and Venezuela

help keep oil prices inflated. World crude oil continues to set record prices, and some analysts predict that it may peak as high as \$75 a barrel and even higher if there are disruptions in the supply lines.

Expect gasoline prices to remain high as long as demand remains strong, and inventories remain lower than expected. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, gas prices, are up an average of more than \$.46.4 cents a gallon from this time last year.

In Germany, the AAFES price for normal unleaded fuel will be \$2.138 per gallon. The price for super-unleaded fuel will be \$2.235 per gallon, super plus, \$2.324 and the price for diesel fuel will be \$2.251 per gallon.

In the Azores, the AAFES price for super plus unleaded will be \$1.982 per gallon.

In the Netherlands, new fuel sell prices for all grades, including diesel, were set at the "floor" selling price, per AAFES Board of Directors policy. "Floor" prices occur when the cost of fuel plus dispensing costs is greater than the average plus incremental dispensing costs.

For customers in the Netherlands, the new AAFES price for super-unleaded fuel will be \$2.325 per gallon, the price for super-plus unleaded will be \$2.577 per gallon and the price for diesel fuel increases to \$2.503 per gallon.

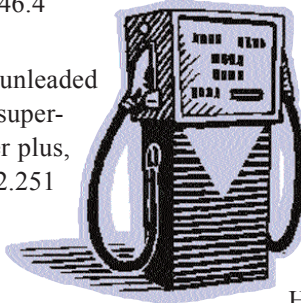
AAFES' customers in the United Kingdom will pay \$2.169 a gallon for super-unleaded fuel. Super plus unleaded is no longer available in the UK. Diesel fuel customers will see an increase to \$2.185 per gallon.

For customers in Turkey, the new AAFES price for normal unleaded will be \$1.996 per gallon. The price for super-unleaded fuel will be \$2.340, and the price for diesel fuel will remain at \$2.280.

Customers should be aware that the Germany/Netherlands Series 5 gas coupons with an expiration date of Sept. 30, 2004 will be extended for acceptance at AAFES gas stations through April 30, 2005.

However, gas stations on the economy will only accept the Series 6 coupons currently for sale at AAFES facilities with an expiration date of Sept. 30, 2005.

Customers can request refunds for unused coupons, as long as they are still attached to the original booklet, at any AAFES facility, until Sept. 30, 2005.



AF changes drug testing program targeting those most likely to use

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- A recent change to the Air Force's drug testing program aims to further reduce the number of substance abusers by targeting Airmen most likely to use them.

The Air Force began its "Smart Testing" program Oct. 1, at three major commands. Under the program, individuals in the group shown to most likely use illicit drugs are being tested at a higher frequency than the rest of the population. That target group includes those in

the ranks of airman basic through senior airman and first and second lieutenants, said Col. Wayne Talcott, community protection division chief of the Air Force Medical Support Agency at Brooks City-Base, Texas.

"What we are really trying to do with Smart Testing is target the portion of our population that has the highest prevalence of drug use," he said. "That is basically 18-25 year olds."

Colonel Talcott said Department of Defense research shows the target group is four times more likely to have a positive urinalysis than

the remainder of the force. He also said that while the group makes up only 40 percent of the Air Force's total end strength, they are responsible for 86 percent of positive drug tests.

As part of Smart Testing, the Air Force will increase the number of random drug tests it performs on the target group to equal the number of people in the group, said Colonel Talcott.

"We have already started Smart Testing at three major commands," he said. "Slowly, through the rest of October and into November, you'll see Smart Testing across the Air Force."

The Air Force previously used a test rate of 64 percent per year, Colonel Talcott said. This means that of 376,900 Airmen, about 241,220 drug tests would be performed during the course of the year.

In October, the test rate for the target group increased, though it remained at 64 percent for the rest of the people.

"We have a software program that has a listing of all the active duty (Airmen) who are subject to drug testing," Colonel Talcott said. "The software selects names randomly for the numbers of tests we intend to run."



Eifel Haunted Houses

52nd CES/CS and 52nd LRS scare up spooky fun during Halloween weekend

Photos by 2nd Lt. Shannon Collins



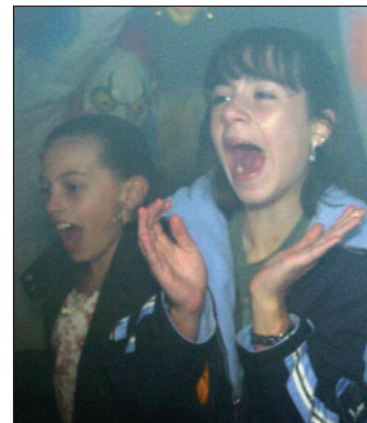
Tech. Sgt. Jamie Jordan, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron power production journeyman, sprays "blood" on the walls of the third annual 52nd CES/52nd Communications Squadron haunted house Oct. 28 in the French Kaserne at Bitburg Annex. The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron held its first haunted house at Spangdahlem Air Base. From Oct. 28-31, both houses scared up to 1,800 people and raised approximately \$5,000 for squadron morale functions.



Senior Airman Tamara Mauger, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron supply journeyman, tries to escape her chains as she portrays a crazy doctor from the movie "Gothika" in the crazy room of the 52nd LRS haunted house.



Airman 1st Class Heather Forrest, 52nd Communications Squadron photographer, "kills" Airman 1st Class Stacy Moless, 52nd CS photographer, in the doll room of the 52nd CES/52nd CS haunted house.



Taylor McKenna, 11, daughter of Capt. John McKenna, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, and Harlie Howard, 11, daughter of Master Sgt. William Howard, 52nd Maintenance Squadron, scream in the clown room of the 52nd CES/52nd CS haunted house.

Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the *Eifel Times* and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

■DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil

■Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126

■To PA in building 23.

■Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.



Col. Dave Goldfein

October Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	349	408	+59
23FS	377	406	+29
81FS	435	472	+37

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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Leadership

Difficulties, tough decisions require courage

Lt. Col. John Specht
23rd Fighter Squadron commander

Ask someone about courage, and they will likely conjure up thoughts of heroic individuals stepping through landmines or soldiers jumping on grenades to save a buddy's life amidst a hostile firefight. More often than not, courage is associated with combat.

Webster defines courage as "... that quality of mind which enables one to encounter danger and difficulties with firmness, or without fear or fainting of heart."

While the "peacetime" leader may not encounter danger on a daily basis, he or she likely encounters difficulties and tough decisions frequently enough that a "bit of courage" will be necessary in order to be successful.

Think about the courage required to give feedback that is honest and frank. It's easy to tell subordinates they are "doing just fine," but what if they aren't? What about the peers who have become our good friends? What do we say to them when they need to hear that they do not meet standards? It takes courage to look people in the eye and tell them how they really "stack up."

One thing I love about debriefing in the fighter pilot community is the brutally honest feedback that occurs in a flight debrief. There is no "sugar coating" performance in these venues, but providing similar feedback outside of a debrief environment can certainly take some courage.

Think about how extraordinarily difficult it is to fire people who work for you. Simply put, it takes courage to look people in the eye and tell them that

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they are fired because they do not meet standards. What we do with that person after they have been fired also takes courage.

It is easy to move them out or move them over, but do we have the courage to make the tough call on their performance report? Is it fair to your top performers to get a performance report that reads essentially the same as that of someone who failed in your organization? I know of three individuals who attended the Air Force's Senior Service School after being fired as commanders and/or directors of operations.

I believe their commanders lacked the necessary courage to write an accurate performance report because they didn't want to "ruin their careers."

There are many times that leaders will have to "rack and stack" the individuals who work for them. It is easy to pretend that everyone is number one or in the "top third." However, it takes courage to look subordinates in the eye, particularly those who give 110 percent, and tell them that

Remembrance

Veteran's Day: Airman shows interest in Eifel region; learns history of past wars, battles

By Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

History can be boring. I remember so many late nights in college reading about the Napoleonic Wars, the potato famine in Ireland and the numerous battles during World War I and II. I read those historical books because I had to, in order to graduate.

Today I see things differently. Becoming an Airman in the world's greatest Air Force taught me to appreciate history -- especially the efforts of the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen who came before me and fought to make the world a better and safer place.

The other day, I read some moving and powerful words from Mr. Ernie Herr, a World War II veteran who wrote about his experiences during the Battle for the Hurtgen Forest -- a forest just south of the ancient city of Aachen, along the German-Belgium border and the infamous Siegfried Line.

He said that the World War II officers from the level of captain down to freshly commissioned lieutenants and enlisted men from sergeants down to the newest recruits, performed and died with such courage that all Americans should be forever proud of them.

Reading that gave me a lump in my throat and I thought, "Isn't Aachen just up the road from here?" This realization sparked an interest to learn more about the historically rich area we are fortunate enough to live in.

The Eifel region and surrounding areas are loaded with reminders of past wars and the forgotten suffering of soldiers who were never properly recognized, or whose remarkable accomplishments were never celebrated.

It should be our honor and duty as Airmen to recognize those Soldiers today. Join your fellow Team Eifel Sabers in support of Veteran's Day Thursday at the Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel cemeteries in France, where more than 20,000 American servicemembers are buried.

The formal end of World War I began on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. That day signified the end of one of history's bloodiest wars, a war that left approximately 31 million combatants dead, wounded or missing.

For more information on the bus trip to the Veteran's Day ceremonies, contact your first sergeant or visit the Intranet and click on "Veteran's Day Celebration," on the bottom left-hand corner of the page.

Team Eifel Sabers who wish to learn more about Veteran Affairs, should visit www.va.gov or the Veterans of Foreign Wars Web site at www.vfw.org.

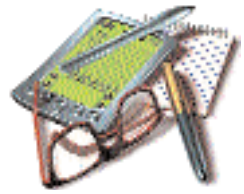
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Fight to win

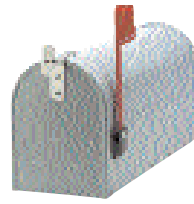


Take care of each other



Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



ARC first aid

An American Red Cross-sponsored community and first aid safety class takes place Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex, building 2001, room 346. The course covers infant, child and adult CPR and standard first aid. For more information, call Terrie Perino at 452-9440 or e-mail 52fw.arc@spangdahlem.af.mil.

School news

Spangdahlem Elementary School

♦ A Parent, Teacher Student Association general membership meeting takes place Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. in the SES multi-purpose room. There will be a "Thanks for Giving" potluck dinner, and third grade students will perform the play, "The First Thanksgiving." Call Barb Triplett at 452-6881 or e-mail her at barbara.triplett@eu.dodea.edu for more information.

Spangdahlem Middle School

♦ No school, parent-teacher conference day; report cards available for pick-up in the school's office from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3:45 p.m. Wednesday

♦ Fifth and sixth grade awards program, 1:15 p.m. Nov. 18 in SMS multi-purpose room. Call Jane Hewitt at 452-7205 for details.

Bitburg Elementary School

The BES Parent Teacher Association book fair takes place Monday through Thursday and Nov. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the BES, room 31. Take the time to view and purchase a wide selection of scholastic books. Home school parents and day care providers are welcome to attend. For more information, call the BES at 452-9215 or 0656561-9215.

Bitburg Middle School

♦ Parent-teacher conferences take place from 8-11:45 a.m. Wednesday, appointments only for team visits; walk-ins for individual teacher visits from 1-3 p.m. Call Bernadette Young at 452-9332 for more information.

Bitburg High School

BHS parent-teacher conferences take place Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. Parents or sponsors can pick up student report cards and meet with teachers. Appointments are not necessary. Unclaimed report cards will be mailed home. Call BHS at 452-9202 for more information.



2nd Lt. Shannon Collins

Score!

1st Lt. Joey Gaona, 23rd Fighter Squadron pilot, 23rd FS B team, blocks as Capt. Mike Zuhlsdorf, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron chief of maintenance engineering, PRIME BEEF team, shoots during the 52nd Fighter Wing men's crud tournament Oct. 29. The men's 23rd FS A team took first, and the women's 81st FS team took first Oct. 22.

Community Bank hours

The Spangdahlem AB Community Bank has limited hours Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. The Bitburg Annex Community Bank has limited hours Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 452-6879 or 452-6773.

Pet Spa reservations

The Pet Spa in Oberweiss is currently taking kennel reservations for family pets for Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. For details, call Melissa Edgell at 452-9362.

Vet update

During upcoming training for a spring deployment, priorities for Army Veterinary Clinic, Oberweiss Annex services will be limited to health certificates and vaccines. No surgical or dental appointments will be available until further notice. Back-fill is being coordinated to provide services once the deployment begins. On non-clinic days, hours will continue to be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for over-the-counter sales only. Call the non-appropriated funds office at the 64th Medical Detachment, Vogelweh, at 0631-5367601 or DSN 489-7601 for details.

Family support news

All classes meet in Spangdahlem AB building 307, unless otherwise noted.

- ♦ Monday, pre-separation consultation, 8-9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monday, key spouse training, Bitburg Annex, building 2001
- ♦ Tuesday, scholarship searching, 5:30-7 p.m.
- ♦ Wednesday, creative critters, 10-11 a.m., building 2001
- ♦ Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, interviewing techniques, building 2001
- ♦ Wednesday, great expectations, 2-4 p.m.

Freecycle

Wing members have a new way to recycle by posting or claiming items on the local "Freecycling" Web site. Here, people can reduce the amount of waste going into landfills or give new life to used items. Wing members can join the Freecycling group to obtain or donate free items. To join, visit www.groups.yahoo.com/group/spangbitfreecycle from a home computer.

Chapel Services

Spangdahlem AB Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (building 139)
- ♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., pre-school through sixth grade (building 139); 10:30 a.m., traditional service; 1 p.m., Korean; 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

Bitburg Annex Catholic Mass

- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service
- For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.



Club Eifel Happenings

The following events take place in Club Eifel. Call 452-6090 for more information.

Too bad ...

Airman 1st Class Joshua Vanderbeck missed out on \$50, and **George Clark** missed out on \$550 at the weekly Club Eifel drawing.

Today

Stripes lounge: Club members enjoy a free burger burn from 5-7 p.m. A DJ plays classic rock from 9-11 p.m.

ECL: Commander's social begins at 5 p.m.

Monday

"Melvin's Mega Mondays" features the "Tower of Power," 100 ounces of beer, for \$10.95. All beer towers are \$2 off.

Wednesday

The Prime Rib Feast takes place from 5-8 p.m. Cost for members for a medium cut is \$9.95 and \$12.95 for a large cut.

Thursday

Club Eifel will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.



Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The *Eifel Times* staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Nov. 11. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

First Daughter (PG, 7 p.m.)

The first daughter of the U.S. President heads off to college, where she falls for a graduate student with a secret agenda.

Exorcist: The Beginning (R, 10 p.m.)

Years before Father Lancaster Merrin helped save Regan MacNeil's soul, he first encounters the demon Pazuzu in East Africa. This is the tale of Father Merrin's initial battle with Pazuzu and the re-discovery of his faith.

Saturday

Suspect Zero (R, 7 p.m.)

A mysterious serial killer is hunting other serial killers, and one FBI agent suspects there may be more to the vigilante than they imagine.

Exorcist: The Beginning (10 p.m.)

Sunday

First Daughter (4 p.m.)

Suspect Zero (7 p.m.)

Monday

Superbabies: Baby Geniuses (PG, 7 p.m.)

A group of smart-talking toddlers find themselves at the center of a media mogul's experiment to crack the code to baby talk. The toddlers must race against time for the sake of babies everywhere.

Tuesday

First Daughter (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

Without a Paddle (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Three city-dwelling friends go on a camping trip with disastrous results.

Alien vs. Predator (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

A team of archaeologists and other scientists find themselves caught up in a battle between the two legends. Soon, the team realizes that only one species can win.

Saturday

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (PG, 4 p.m.)

After New York City receives a series of attacks from giant flying robots, a reporter teams up with a pilot in search of their origin, as well as the reason for the disappearances of famous scientists around the world.

Open Water (R, 7 p.m.)

Based on the true story, this is a tale of two scuba divers who accidentally get stranded in shark infested waters after their tour boat has left.

Sunday

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (4 p.m.)

Without a Paddle (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (7 p.m.)

Thursday

Alien vs. Predator (7 p.m.)

Lanterns light the way ...

Eifel area residents parade in honor of St. Martin's Day

Story and photo by Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Each November, local townspeople host colorful, torch-lighted processions in honor of Saint Martin.

According to legend, Martin was born early in the fourth century to an officer in the military administration of the Emperor Constantine in Szombathel, Hungary. He led a good Christian life while growing up then served his time in the Roman Imperial Army.

Although other officers mistreated soldiers and slaves, Martin was kind and distributed to the poor what he could save from his pay.

While riding outside the gates of Amiens, he encountered a freezing beggar who asked for help, but Martin had already given all his pay to the poor. He drew his sword, cut his tunic in two and gave half to the beggar. The following night, Christ appeared to Martin and said, "What you have done to the least of my brothers, you have done to me."

Martin felt the Lord's love and was baptized.

Saint Martin Day is always Nov. 11; however, most communities in the area will host their procession days prior, or



Every year, Eifel Sabers join their German neighbors in celebrating Saint Martin's Day each Nov. 11 by walking in the parade. Following the parade, the children receive a free sugar pretzel. A raffle and social time usually takes place at a local hall or fire station.

days after the Saint Martin Day.

During the procession, children will carry colorful lanterns, which can be purchased at German stores these days. They are usually available as animals, especially the St. Martin goose, moons, churches or other motifs. Most parades usually take place between 6 and 7 p.m. Following the parades, people usually walk to a local

town hall or a fire station for a raffle and beverages.

American families are always welcome to participate in the Saint Martin activities.

The colorfully illuminated procession usually ends with a bonfire, and all children will be handed sugar pretzels by local officials and sometimes by "Saint Martin," who will ride a horse.



Out and About



(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change).

♦ Trier invites everyone to the annual Mosel-Saar-Ruwer wine forum today through Sunday.

♦ Enjoy jazz music by the Podium Junger Kuenstler Sunday at the Trier Kurfuerstliches Palais, or Imperial Palace, located at the Basilica.

♦ Enjoy the first new wine in Cochem Nov. 12-13.

♦ Oil paintings, water color and graphics by Ursula Huelsewig can be seen now through Nov. 14 at the Haus Beda Gallery in Bitburg. For more information about the event, call 06561-96450.

♦ Mark calendars now for the Dudeldorf Weihnachts market, scheduled for Nov. 27-28.

♦ Reserve tickets now to the Golden Ice 2004 Show Gala of World Stars, which takes place Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Oberhausen Arena. This is a highlight event.

♦ The Chinese National Circus comes to the Trier Europe hall Jan. 16 at 8 p.m.

King of the castle



Gary Sakura

Linderhof Castle, just south of Munich, Germany, was King Ludwig II of Bavaria's favorite castle. It was built between 1870 and 1879, and the interior has lavish adornments full of mirrors, painted ceilings and gilded cherubs, with a mixture of Renaissance and baroque styles. For more information on visiting the palace grounds, visit the Web site at www.linderhof.de.

St. Martin's Day parades

- ♦ **Friday** at 6 p.m. from the Dreis church; 7 p.m. from the Sehlern Bergstrasse
- ♦ **Sunday** at 6 p.m. from the Wittlich city park, located in the center of town; 6 p.m. from the Bitburg-Erdorf church
- ♦ **Wednesday** at the Main Bitburg city parade at 6:30 p.m. from the Bitburg Grundschule or Elementary school South; 6:30 p.m. from the Dudeldorf church; 6:15 p.m. from the Orenhofen church; 5:30 p.m. from the Hupperath church
- ♦ **Thursday** at 6:30 p.m. from the Spangdahlem Hill Strasse; 6 p.m. from the Speicher church; 5:45 p.m. from the Hetzerath church
- ♦ **Nov. 12** at 6:30 p.m. from the Bitburg-Masholder Bittenbach-Brueckenstrasse, from the Bitburg-Moetsch church; 6 p.m. from the Rittersdorf church Platz; 6 p.m. from the Burg/Salm Spielplatz
- ♦ **Nov. 13** at 6 p.m. in Binsfeld; 6:30 p.m. from the Bitburg-Stahl Gemeinde hall; 6 p.m. from the Fliessem church; 6 p.m. from the Gondorf Oberdorf Hauptstrasse, in Niersbach

Geilenkirchen defeats OSS for intramural football title

By M.P. Warner
52nd Services Squadron

The phrase “third time’s a charm” was never more evident than during the Intramural Flag Football Championship game Oct. 26. Top seed Geilenkirchen capped a near perfect regular season with a 19-12 victory against a determined 52nd Operations Support Squadron.

“Third” is the operative word in this championship, as GK completed a “three-peat,” winning the title in 2003 and 2002. GK has been a perennial powerhouse, losing only one game in the past three seasons; falling short this year to their eventual playoff opponent, the 52nd OSS.

GK quarterback and coach, Oscar Butler, wanted to go head to head against the 52nd OSS in the championship, not only to take the crown, but in his words, “to redeem ourselves for our only loss in three years.”

The 52nd OSS coach, Rob Forton, whose squad came into the playoffs as the fourth seed with a 9-4 season record, said his team’s main focus was “ball control on the offense and creating turnovers on defense.”

Forton’s game plan started out with superb execution as their opening drive found themselves knocking on GK’s door. The 52nd OSS quarterback, Tony Gagliano, found his “go to” receiver, Steve Haro on crucial plays, but was intercepted in the red zone this time by GK’s Kai Kirk.

The GK squad then countered with an impressive opening drive of its own. Butler’s game plan was ball control as well, but also to spread the field duties to his receiver core of Jamison Scheeres and Adam Pugh.

GK capitalized on the turnover, taking the ball into the end zone to draw first blood, and a 6-0 lead. The 52nd OSS’s passing game never took flight after the opening drive interception, and the players had to rely on their running game to score their two touchdowns.

The game was tied at 12-12 late in the second half, with GK driving down the field in pursuit of another touchdown. The 52nd OSS defense and offensive misfires found GK with a first and 25, in 52nd OSS territory. Proving why they are three-time champions, GK overcame the yardage deficit, eventually going in for the score and an 18-12 lead.

GK’s versatile offense found Socrates Plantilla passing to Adam Pugh, sealing the score at 19-12 with minimal time left on the clock.

With the clock winding down, the 52nd OSS players once again found themselves playing catch up ball.

The “Griffins” led another late game offensive charge, driving



2nd Lt. Shannon Collins

Socrates Plantilla, number 25, center for the Geilenkirchen team, runs the ball toward Craig Shetterly from the 52nd Operation Support Squadron, as teammates William Newby, number 35, and Oscar Butler, watch on, during the flag football championship game here Oct. 26.

down the field with the sole purpose of knotting up the score and sending the game into overtime. The stifling defense of GK picked off another Gagliano pass, and GK ran out the clock, clinching its third consecutive championship.

Forton’s team would not be denied as it played “must win” football, culminating in a highly contested match-up against Marc Peck’s 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron team.

This championship is Butler’s “Swan Song” at GK with a permanent change of station on the horizon. He was conciliatory as he looked back on his last season with GK.

“The referees were great, not one arguable call all night,” coach Butler said. The good news for Spangdahlem Air Base is he may bring his coaching expertise to a team here next season.

Coach Forton meanwhile was already planning his team’s march to the title for next year.

“We are already looking forward to next season,” Forton said. “Look for the 52nd OSS to be the next dynasty of intramural flag football.”

Driven down



Jay Gardner

Bitburg High School football players Brandon Morales, number 24, son of Capt. Luis Morales, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; Jonas Jensen, number 79, son of Tech. Sgt. Jared Maher, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Chris Ramos, number 56, son of Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Brown, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; and Josh Collett, number 28, son of Senior Master Sgt. Johnny Collett, 38th Munitions Maintenance Group; tackle a Mannheim opponent as he attempts to run the ball during the Oct. 16 BHS Homecoming game. BHS won 21-0.

Health and Wellness Center cholesterol check

A “lipoprotein profile” is a test to find out blood cholesterol numbers. It gives information about total cholesterol; low-density lipoprotein, or LDL (bad) cholesterol; high-density lipoprotein, or HDL (good) cholesterol; as well as triglycerides, or blood fats.

Total blood cholesterol levels:

- Less than 200mg/dL = desirable, lower risk
- 200 to 239 mg/dL = borderline high, higher risk
- 240 mg/dL and above: high blood cholesterol, more than twice the risk as desirable level

To learn more about checking cholesterol levels and for cholesterol management, call the HAWC at 452-9355.

Sports Briefs

Self defense class

Don’t be a victim; learn self defense. Attend this 12-week self defense course starting Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the aerobics room at the base fitness center. Train for personal defense or professional development and learn unarmed, knife and impact weapon self-defense. The class is open to everyone, and the cost is \$60. For more information, call the fitness center at 452-6496.



FitLinxx prizes

Log-on to FitLinxx today for a chance to win lots of prizes. Earn at least a minimum of 15,000 points to win Combat Fitness t-shirts, polo shirts, hats, socks, duffel bags and sweatshirts. Everyone is eligible to participate. People must enter their workouts in FitLinxx, and they can register today at the fitness center or at the Web site at http://spangdahlem.fitlinxx.com/community/hosted/ov_spangdahlem.htm. For details, call the fitness center at 452-6496.

Power tumbling class

Don’t let this opportunity tumble away. Learn power tumbling techniques that can help with cheerleading, dance, gymnastics or just for fun at the gymnastics loft at Bitburg Annex, building 77. The cost varies on the time frame of the class, and payment is due the first day of class -- no later than the 15th of each month. Register at the Spangdahlem Youth Center. For more information, call Sally Fuller at 452-7545.

Combat Cheer basketball

Dunk the blues with a game of basketball at the Combat Cheer Basketball Games. Play a three-on-three game Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. and a five-on-five game Dec. 4 at 9 a.m. Both games take place at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. Play is open to those who are at least 18-years-old and not in school -- primarily unaccompanied Airmen who can earn fully-validated MERGE cards. There will be both male and female categories. For more details, call Staff Sgts. Brian Sneed and Foster Gilbert or Mark Warner at 452-6634.



Turkey Trot

See fellow Sabers strut their stuff at the Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run Nov. 24 at noon. Team Eifel members who bring five or more squadron members can earn punches for their Eifel MERGE card, and all participants get a chance to win a \$50 AAFES gift certificate. For more information, call De Shane Casillas at 452-6496.

Ski sale

Get stocked up for the winter ski season with outdoor recreation. Skis are now on sale for 20-30 percent off the regular prices, along with a variety of last year’s gear. For details, call Brandie Tubb-Hall at 452-7176.

Fitness center hours

The Skelton Memorial Fitness Center is closed Nov. 25 and 26 in observance of Thanksgiving Day and power upgrades. The Bitburg Annex fitness center will be open with keyless card entry only. For more information, call the fitness center at 452-6634.

Rock climbing classes

Try something new and sign-up for a rock climbing class at the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. This class gives people a chance to practice climbing indoors during the fall and winter months. Classes are each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. To register, call the fitness center at 452-6496.

